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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

DUANE FIELDER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

C. R. BARD INC., a Foreign Corporation; BARD
PERIPHERAL VASCULAR INC., an Arizona
Corporation; MCKESSON CORPORATION, a
Corporation,; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive
Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:20-CV-00473-MMD-BNW

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
ORDER TO STAY DISCOVERY AND
ALL PRETRIAL DEADLINES**

(SECOND REQUEST)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) and (d), Plaintiff Duane Fielder in the above-titled action and Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. (collectively, “Bard”) (Plaintiff and Bard are collectively referred to herein as “the Parties”), respectfully request that this Court temporarily stay discovery and all pretrial deadlines until February 9, 2021 while the Parties finalize settlement discussions. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

1. This case is related to the Multi-District Litigation proceeding In re Bard IVC Filters Products Liability Litigation, MDL 2641 (D. Ariz.), pending before Senior Judge David Campbell in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

2. After four years, the completion of general issue discovery, and the trial of three bellwether cases to verdict, Judge Campbell ordered that certain MDL cases would no longer benefit from centralized proceedings and would be transferred to the appropriate jurisdictions around the country for case-specific discovery and trial. (MDL 2641, ECF No. 19899, 20672, 21472.) While

1 this action was not in the MDL and was not transferred with the remanded cases, the issues and
2 causes of action are substantially similar.

3 3. Here, Plaintiff filed his Petition on June 10, 2020. Bard removed the case to the
4 Northern District of Texas and that court transferred the case to the District of Nevada on August 20,
5 2020. Since that date, the Parties have engaged in settlement discussions and are in the process of
6 finalizing the settlement. A stay will allow the Parties to conclude the settlement without
7 unnecessary expenditures of the Parties' and this Court's resources.

8 4. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 6(b) and 26, and the Court's inherent
9 authority and discretion to manage its own docket, this Court has the authority to grant the requested
10 stay. Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b) ("When an act may or must be done within a specified time the court may,
11 for good cause, extend the time..."); Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) ("A party or any person from whom
12 discovery is sought may move for a protective order in the court where the action is pending . . . The
13 court may, for good cause, issue an order to protect a party or person from annoyance,
14 embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense.").

15 5. This Court therefore has broad discretion to stay proceedings as incidental to its
16 power to control its own docket – particularly where, as here, a stay would promote judicial
17 economy and efficiency. *Bacon v. Reyes*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 143300, at *4 (D. Nev. Oct. 3,
18 2013) (citing, *Munoz-Santana v. U.S. I.N.S.*, 742 F.2d 561, 562 (9th Cir. 1984)) ("Whether to grant a
19 stay is within the discretion of the court"); *Lockyer v. Mirant Corp.*, 398 F.3d 1098, 1109 (9th Cir.
20 2005) ("A district court has discretionary power to stay proceedings in its own court."); *Landis v. N.*
21 *Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936) ("[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power
22 inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time
23 and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.").

24 6. Furthermore, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(c) and 26(d) vest the Court with
25 authority to limit the scope of discovery or control its sequence. *Crawford-El v. Britton*, 523 U.S.
26 574, 598 (1998) ("Rule 26 vests the trial judge with broad discretion to tailor discovery narrowly and
27 to dictate the sequence of discovery.")

28 In deciding whether to stay proceedings, courts weigh the competing interests of the parties

1 and the court.

2 Among those competing interests are the possible damage which may result from
3 the granting of a stay, the hardship or inequity which a party may suffer in being
4 required to go forward, and the orderly course of justice measured in terms of the
simplifying or complicating of issues, proof, and questions of law which could be
expected to result from a stay.

5 *Lockyer*, 398 F.3d at 1110 (*citing Landis*, 299 U.S. at 255). Facilitating the efforts of parties to
6 resolve their disputes weighs in favor of granting a stay. In *Coker v. Dowd*, 2:13-cv-0994-JCM-NJK,
7 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201845, at *2-3 (D. Nev. July 8, 2013), the parties requested a 60-day stay to
8 facilitate ongoing settlement negotiations and permit them to mediate global settlement. The Court
9 granted the stay, finding the parties would be prejudiced if required to move forward with discovery
10 at that time and a stay would potentially prevent an unnecessary complication in the case. *Id.* at *3.
11 Similarly, the Parties in the present case are engaged in finalizing settlement and require additional
12 time to work out the details.

13 7. Accordingly, the Parties jointly move this Court for an order staying discovery and
14 pretrial deadlines until February 9, 2021.

15 8. The Parties agree that the relief sought herein is necessary to handle the case in the
16 most economical fashion. The relief sought in this stipulation is not being requested for delay, but
17 so that justice may be done.

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WHEREFORE, the Parties jointly request that discovery and all pretrial deadlines be stayed until February 9, 2021 to allow the Parties to finalize settlement.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

DATED this 11th day of December 2020.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: 3:54 pm, December 15, 2020



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE